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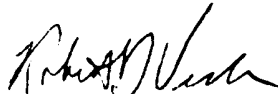
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SUBJECT: Panama NSPG, 4 August 1987

According to Jose Sorzano, the Latin American Director on the NSC Staff, today's NSPG will attempt to resolve three issues:

- Whether or not General Noriega is part of the solution to the Panamanian political crisis. DoD takes the position that we should work with Noriega to facilitate his departure. State Department believes that it would be a mistake to attempt to deal with Noriega.
- Whether the US should resume military and economic assistance to the Panamanian government. DoD would like to resume full military assistance to Panama in order to maintain a cooperative working relationship with the Panamanian military. State Department would like to refrain from shipping riot control and lethal items to the Panamanian military.

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